A PETITION Presented unto His MAIESTIE At His Court at BRISTOLL on the 7 day of *Auguſt*. 1643.

By

Sir *Baynham Throkmorton* Baronet,

High Sheriffe of the County of *Glouceſter*, on the behalfe of the Clothiers of the ſame County.

With

His MAJESTIES Anſwer thereunto.

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To the KINGS Moſt Excellent MAJESTIE.

The Humble Petition of the Clothiers of Your MAJESTIES *County of* Glouceſter.

SHewing unto your moſt Excellent Majeſtie, that they being commanded by Prince RUPERT His Higneſſe to keepe their poore people at worke for the ſpace of one moneth, are moſt ready and willing to obey the ſame, to the utmoſt of their power: But ſo it is, may it pleaſe your MAJESTIE, that ſome of us have loſt our whole eſtates, and many of us have the reſidue that is left now in the hands of merchants within the City of *London*, without which we cannot keepe our work-folkes in

worke as is Commanded, and as we desire, our credit being loſt with our goods; and our cloth being made, we have no way of ſafety to keepe it, noe meanes to vent it; whereby we are in a moſt diſtreſſed Condition: All which, in all humility we preſent to YOUR MAJESTIES moſt gracious Conſideration; with this proteſtation, that whilſt we live, we will continue YOUR MAJESTIES loyall, faithfull, and obedient Subjects, and will be ever ready to expreſſe the ſame with our lives and fortunes.

VVee therefore moſt humbly beſeech YOUR MAJESTY, *that You would be gratiouſly pleaſed to take us into Your favour, and our diſtreſſed eſtate into Your Princely Conſideration, and to protect our perſons, goods that we have left, and cloth which we ſhall make, and to give us Your Majeſties gratious VVarrant to fetch our money from* London, *and to afford us ſome way whereby we may have ſale for our cloth hereafter, whereby we ſhall be enabled to aſſiſt Your* MAJESTIE, *maintaine our families, and*

many

many thoufands of poore people which depend upon us; And we, as in duty; and by our allegiance we are bound, ſhall alwaies heartily pray for Your MAJESTIES *long and happy Raigne over us.*

His MAJESTIES Anſwer.

HIs Majeſty having taken this Petition into Conſideration, and having a deepe ſence of the importance of the trade of thoſe parts, and how many of His poore Subjects are concerned therein, hath commanded me to ſignifie that His Majeſtie hath given expreſſe orders to all his Officers and Souldiers (which orders he intends to fortify by a Proclamation to the ſame effect) That they offer no manner of violence to the perſons or eſtates of any of the Petitioners. That he will require a ſtrict account from any that ſhall preſume to diſobey thoſe His Commands. That He hath commanded His Secretaries of State to give Licence to ſuch of His Subjects to repaire to *London* to

fetch their money from thence as ſhall be made appeare unto them to be ſo well affected to His ſervice as that they may be truſted to repaire thither. That He hath given order to the Commiſsioners of His Treaſury to conſider the beſt way and meanes they may to enable the Petitioners to ſell off their cloth, and to treat with the Merchants of the City of *Briſtol* and of ſuch other Ports as are, or ſhall be in due obedience to His MAJESTY, to take off ſuch proportion of Cloth from the Petitioners at reaſonable rates, as the Petitioners ſhall be able to make.

FALKLAND.

This is a true Coppy of the Petition, and His Majeſties Anſwer, atteſted by mee John Driver *Under-Sheriffe*, Com: Glouceſter.

FINIS.